

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

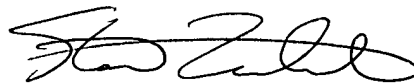
The Final Office Action dated December 3, 2007 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In the Office Action, Claims 12 and 24 have been allowed and Claims 18, 19, 21 and 22 have been deemed allowable. The remaining Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-11, 13-15, 17, 20 and 23 have been rejected based on prior art.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant has:

- a) amended rejected Claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 22 and canceled Claim 22;
- b) canceled rejected Claims 9-11;
- c) amended rejected Claims 13 and 14 to depend from allowed Claim 12;
- d) canceled rejected Claim 17;
- e) rewritten allowable Claim 18 in independent form;
- f) canceled rejected Claim 20;
- g) rewritten allowable Claim 21 in independent form; and
- h) amended rejected Claim 23 to depend from allowable Claim 18.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, all of the presently pending Claims 1-3, 5-6, 12-15, 18-19, 21 and 23-24 now contain subject matter deemed allowable. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would assist in moving the application toward allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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